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The Most Rev. Archbishop Torkom Manoogian  
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Your Grace,

I have enclosed, for your information and study, copies of the "Torch Bearer Policies and Regulations."

"A" is policies that were submitted to the Parish Council by the Editorial Board of the Torch Bearer for approval and adoption.

"B" is policy revisions submitted to the Parish Council by the Pastor Fr. Diran.

I am sure it will become apparent to you, as it was to us, that Fr. Diran has spent a great deal of time revising these policies. Time, I am sure, that could have been better spent on other more important parish work.

In copy "B" I have underlined in red the changes that Fr. Diran has made. I am sure that it is apparent to you that with the changes presented by Fr. Diran, if adopted, would again put the publication of the Torch Bearer in his hands. It becomes very obvious that Fr. Diran does not wish to relinquish this responsibility.

It also becomes obvious that Fr. Diran no longer wishes to abide by the "Operating Procedures" we so laboriously worked out and submitted to you and the Diocesan Council for approval, copy enclosed.

Section I of our agreement (Publications, Official Correspondence and Public Addresses) under (A) Publications, paragraph 3, states "Church publications will be the responsibility of the Editorial Board under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council, with the President and publication liaison assuming immediate guidance of publication." This is illustrated in Copy "B", page 2, V, Role of the Editorial Board, Parish Council and Pastor."

I am sure that it is apparent to you that, at this junction, we are again developing a difference of opinion which, I believe, you had settled by indicating to us that the Torch Bearer should not be the Pastors responsibility.

The Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 1972, was adjourned very late in the evening when it became obvious that we were going to reach an impass over wording, sentence and paragraph structure, and meaning. Even though there are three executive secretaries and a high school English teacher on the Editorial Staff of the Torch Bearer, Fr. Diran deems himself more qualified than they in the composition of the Policies.

If your Grace will allow me to be presumptuous, I would like to conclude by saying that since Rev. Fr. Diran Papazian is such a literary genius he is wasting his time as the Pastor of this Church and could better serve you and the Armenian people of this Diocese by serving in the capacity of your executive secretary or as the Editor of the Diocesan paper, "The Armenian Church."

Respectfully,



Michael Megregian  
Chairman, Parish Council

Encl.  
MM/rb

THE TORCH BEARER

POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

I Publication Schedule

- A. The Torch Bearer is the official publication of St. John Armenian Church of Greater Detroit.
- B. The Torch Bearer is published monthly except in July and August when a combined issue appears in August for both months.
- C. Articles Submitted:
  - 1. Pastors, parish council and organizations are responsible for submitting their news articles in full. Each organization should have its own reporter whose duty is to write and submit their article to the editor.
  - 2. Articles, ads, and publicity releases must be submitted by the 8th of each publication month in order for them to appear in that month's publication.
  - 3. Items from non-church affiliated organizations will be treated the same as church organization reports; i.e., A.G.B.U., Armenian-American Veterans, Tekayan Cultural Association, C. S. A. I., Compatriotic Societies.

II Ads, Photographs, and Promotional Materials

- A. Each organization is entitled to one full page ad for each major function.
  - 1. After one initial full page ad, continuing activities - such as monthly programs - will be publicized through  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$  column ads.
  - 2. Ads of a religious, cultural or social nature may be submitted.
- B. Ads or notices for activities of other churches will not be accepted.
- C. Announcements for future activities are to be presented in ink, felt tip pen or regular printed flyer form. Pencil is not acceptable.
- D. Announcements for activities to be held during the first ten days of a month should be submitted two months prior to the date. For example, a March 4 activity should be submitted prior to January 8th.

### III Photographs

- A. Each organization is entitled to four pictures per issue if space permits. It is up to the Editorial Board's discretion to determine if space is available for additional pictures.
- B. Photographs that are submitted should be in black and white.
- C. All photographs will be returned to their owners.

### IV Information Regarding Individual Parishioners.

- A. Information about personal accomplishments and celebrations, such as golden anniversaries and graduations must be submitted by the parishioners. The Torch Bearer staff will not voluntarily insert such information.
- B. The Torch Bearer will not accept expressions of thanks from individuals to the church membership for publication.

### V Role of the Editorial Board and Parish Council.

- A. The Torch Bearer will be the responsibility of the Editorial Board under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council with the Pastor and Publication Liaison assuming immediate guidance of publication.
- B. Any material relating to issues which is not within the province of a church publication affecting the church body or a segment of the church body shall not be printed.
- C. Any material which may be in poor taste, has no social worth, should not be published. This includes ads or notices for activities.
- D. Issues or material of a controversial nature shall not be published.
- E. A draft of each article to be published will be submitted to the Pastor before publication.
- F. Any difference of opinion pertaining to the inclusion or exclusion of an article between the Pastor and the Editorial Board shall be referred to the Parish Council for final decision.

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THE TORCH BEARER  
POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Recommendations by the Pastor

Pastor recommends to the Parish Council that some changes be made in the policies and regulations formulated by the Editorial Board.

These changes are already made on the attached sheet, and presented to the Parish Council for their final approval.

On the original sheet the last Article V-F, cannot be considered as part of the general policy statements; it is rather an internal matter and for that reason, should be completely omitted from this statement of policies concerning a Church Publication.

REV. FR. DIRAN PAPA ZIAN  
Pastor

6/20/72

THE TORCH BEARER

POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

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- C. Articles Submitted:

1. [REDACTED]

(See Below)

- 2. Parish Council and Church Auxiliary Organizations are responsible for submitting their news items in full. Each organization should have its own reporter whose duty is to write and submit their article to the editor.
- 3. Articles, ads, and publicity releases must be submitted by the 8th of each publication month in order for them to appear in that month's publication.
- 4. Items from non-church affiliated Armenian organizations will be treated similar to those of the Church Auxiliary Organizations; e.g. A.G.B.U. (Mid-West District, Three Chapters, Camp and School), Armenian-American Veterans, Tekeyan Cultural Association, C.S.A.I., K. of V., Home for the Armenian Aged, and Compatriotic Societies

II Ads, Photographs, and Promotional Materials

- A. Each organization is entitled to one full-page ad for each major program.
  - 1. After one initial full-page ad for the program, continuing parts of it, such as monthly functions, will be publicized through 1/4 or 1/2 column ads.
  - 2. Ads of a religious, cultural or social nature may be submitted.
- B. Ads or notices for activities of other churches, unrelated to our own interests, will not be accepted.
- C. Ads for future activities are to be presented in ink, felt tip pen or regular printed flyer form. Pencil is not acceptable.

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- 1. Pastors furnish religious, ethical and other ecclesiastical articles, as well as news items, and facts and information of pastoral and religious activities for the editorial staff to write up and use properly.

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- B. Photographs that are submitted should be in black and white.
- C. All photographs will be returned to their owners if their names and addresses appear on the back.

### IV Information Regarding Individual Parishioners

- A. Information about personal accomplishments and celebrations, such as golden anniversaries and graduations, must be submitted by the parishioners. The Torch Bearer Staff will not seek out such information.
- B. The Torch Bearer will not ordinarily accept for publication, expressions of thanks from individuals to the church membership.

### V Role of the Editorial Board, Parish Council and Pastor.

- A. The publication of the Torch Bearer is the responsibility of the Pastor and Parish Council.
- B. The mechanics of putting the newspaper out will be the responsibility of the Editorial Board (appointed by the Parish Council with the approval and consent of the Pastor or vice versa) and shall follow the policies and standards set by the Pastor and Parish Council.
- C. Immediate guidance and supervision for the publication shall be provided by the Pastor and the publication liaison member of the Parish Council.
- D. Pastors and Parish Council should be concerned only in the overall quality and contents of the Torch Bearer and should not be involved at all in the details and mechanics of the editorship, publication and mailing of the newspaper.

B

E. Any material relating to issues which are not within the province of a church publication affecting the church body or a segment of the church body shall not be printed.

C

F. Materials which are in poor taste and have no social value will not be published, including ads or notices for activities.

D

G. Material of a controversial nature shall not be published.

E

H. A draft of each article to be published will be submitted to the Pastor for review three week days before being delivered to the publisher.

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